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ARIZONA SCHOOLS CHIEF RELEASES MEASURE OF ACADEMIC PROGRESS (MAP) RESULTS

MAP ACCOUNTS FOR 40% OF ARIZONA ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM

PHOENIX (Monday, September 20, 2004) -- Arizona Schools Chief Tom Horne released today the Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) 2004 results for Arizona schools. MAP is used to measure individual student growth, rather than being measured on their absolute test scores. This gives the schools credit for moving students at least one year of academic progress from where the students started.

“The Measure of Academic Progress is a significant component of the Arizona Learns accountability system,” Horne stated. “For example, by making MAP 40% of the Arizona accountability system, it gives good schools in poor neighborhoods a better opportunity to show continual academic progress.”

MAP is used to measure individual student growth for grades 3-8. The calculations for MAP are based on the Stanford 9 test taken by the students in grades 2-9.

MAP results can be found on www.ade.az.gov and click on the Testing Icon.

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